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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 3900

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SN

SUBJECT: LEE CHIAW MENG TO UNDERSTUDY DR. GOH

1. PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED AUGUST 16 THAT THE MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DR. LEE CHIAW MENG, WILL UNDERTAKE SOME WORK IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS UNDER THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE, DR. GOH KENG SWEE. THE ANNOUNCEMENT STATED THAT DR. LEE HAD ASKED FOR AND BEEN GIVEN A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM NANYANG UNIVERSITY.

2. THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL HAS APPOINTED PROFESSOR WU TEH-YAO AS ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR OF NANYANG UNIVERSITY. PROFESSOR WU HAS BEEN SERVING AS PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE AND DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES AT NANYANG UNIVERSITY.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF RUMORS, ESPECIALLY FROM OFFICERS IN THE SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES, THAT IN THE CABINET RESHUFFLE FOLLOWING THE COMING GENERAL ELECTIONS (WHICH THEY BELIEVE WILL BE HELD IN THE LAST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR), DR. LEE CHIAW MENG WILL REPLACE DR. GOH AS MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND DR. GOH WILL RESUME HIS OLD PORTFOLIO AS MINISTER  
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OF FINANCE. (PRESUMABLY GOH WOULD ALSO RETAIN HIS TITLE AS DEPUTY PRI

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MINISTER.) DR. GOH HAS BEEN WELL AND THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
HAS A NUMBER OF EXCEPTIONALLY ABLE SENIOR OFFICIALS TO WHOM HE  
CAN DELEGATE MUCH OF THE WORK. YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT GIVES  
STRONG CONFIRMATION TO THIS RUMOR IN THE MINDS OF MANY  
OBSERVERS INCLUDING THIS EMBASSY.  
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